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Dominus Rex verſus Majorem & Communitat. ac Cives Civitat. *London.*

ET predict' Robertus Sawyer *Attorn. dict' Domini Regis nunc General. qui pro eodem domino Rege nunc in hac parte ſequitur quoad Placitum præfat' Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat' predict' quoad Libertat. Privilg. & Franchef. predict' per ipſos ſuperius clamat'* (viz.) *ipſos Majorem & Communitat' ac Cives Civitat'* London. *fore de ſe ipſis unum Corpus Corporat' & Politicum in re facto & nomine per nomen Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat.* London. *ac per idem nomen placitare & implacitari reſpondere ac reſponderi ſuperius placitat' pro eodem Dom. Rege nunc dic' quod per aliqua per prefat' Majorem & Communitat. ac Cives Civitat.* London. *predict' ſuperius placitando allegat' eadem Libertat. Privileg. & Franchef. eiſdem Majori & Communitat' ac Civibus Civitat'* London.

The King againſt the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London.

AND the ſaid *Robert Sawyer* Attorney General of our ſaid Lord the King that now is, who for our Lord the King on this behalf proſecuteth: As to the Plea of the ſaid Major and Commonalty and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, as to the Liberties, Priviledges and Franchiſes aforeſaid, by them above claimed, to wit, That they the ſaid Major, Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, are of themſelves one Body Corporate and Politick, in matter, fact and name, by the name of Major and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and by the ſame name to plead and be impleaded, to anſwer and be anſwered, as is above pleaded: He the ſaid Attorney General for the ſaid Lord the King ſaith, That for any thing by the ſaid Major and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, above in pleading alledged: The ſaid Liberties, Priviledges and Franchiſes ought not to be allowed or adjudged to the ſame Major and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City

of *London* aforeſaid : Neither ought the ſaid Major and Commonalty and Citizens to be diſcharged from the premiſſes in the Information aforeſaid ſpecified, becauſe he ſaith, That the Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, from the time whereof the memory of Man is not to the contrary, were not a Body Corporate and Politick, in matter, fact, and name, by the name of Major and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, in manner and form as the ſaid Major and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, above in pleading have alledged : And this the ſaid Attorney General of our ſaid Lord the King that now is for our ſaid Lord the King prays, That it may be enquired of by the Countrey. And the ſaid *Robert Sawyer* Attorney General of our ſaid Lord the King that now is, as to the Plea of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, as to the Liberties, Priviledges and Franchiſes aforeſaid, by them above claimed (to wit) That they the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, are of themſelves one Body Corporate and Politick in Matter, Fact and Name, by the Name of Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, and by the ſame Name to Plead, and be

predict' allocari ſeu adjudicari non debent nec iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives de premiſ' in Informac' predict' ſuperius ſpecificat' exonerari debent quia dic' quod Cives Civit' London. *predict' à tempore cujus contrar' memor' homin' non exiſtit' non fuer' corpus corporat' & politicum in re facto & nomine per nomen Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat'* London. *modo & forma prout prefat' Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit'* London. *predict' ſuperius placitando allegaver. Et hoc idem Attorn' dict' Dom. Regis nunc General' pro eodem Dom. Rege nunc pet' quod inquiratur per patriam. Et predict'* Robertus Sawyer *Attorn' dict' Dom. Regis nunc General' quoad placitum prefat' Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civit'* London. *predict' quoad Libertat. Privileg. & Franchiſ. predict' per ipſos ſuperius clamat'* (viz.) *ipſos Majorem & Communitat. ac Cives Civit'* London. *fore de ſeipſis unum corpus corporat' & politicum in re facto & nomine per nomen Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat'* London. *ac per idem nomen placitare & implacitari reſpondere ac reſponderi ſuperius placitat'*

ulterius

ulterius dic' quod per aliqua per prefat' Majorem & Communitat' ac Cives Civit' London *predict' superius placitando allegat. Eedem Libertat. Privileg. & Franches. eisdem Majori & Communitat' ac Civibus Civit'* London *predict' allocari seu adjudicari non debent nec iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives de premiss. in Informatione predict' superius specificat' exonerari debent, quia protestando quod Cives ejusdem Civitat' a tempore cujus contrar' memor' homin' non existit non fuer' corpus corporat' & politicum in re facto nomine per nomen Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civit'* London, *ac per idem nomen per totum tempus illud placitaver' ac implacitat' fuerunt responder' ac respons' fuer' & placitare & implacitari respondere ac respondere a toto tempore supradict' usi fuer' & consuever' prout predict' Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit'* London *predict' superius placitando allegaverunt pro placito tamen idem Attorn' dict' Dom. Regis nunc General' pro eodem Domino Rege nunc ulterius dic' quod predict' Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit'* London

Impleaded, to Anſwer, and be Anſwered, as is above Pleaded: He further ſaith, That by any thing by the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, before in pleading alledged: The ſame Liberties, Priviledges and Franchiſes ought not to be allowed and adjudged to the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, neither ought the ſame Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens to be diſcharged of the premiſſes in the Information aforeſaid ſpecified, becauſe by proteſtation that the Citizens of the ſame City, from the time whereof the memory of Man is not to the contrary, were not a Body Corporate and Politick in Matter, Fact and Name, by the name of Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and by the ſame name for all that time have Pleaded, and were Impleaded, and have Anſwered, and were Anſwered, and to Plead, and be Impleaded, to Anſwer, and to be Anſwered for, by all the time aforeſaid have uſed and accuſtomed in ſuch manner as the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid above in pleading have alledged: Notwithſtanding for Plea the ſaid Attorney General of our ſaid Lord the King, for our ſaid Lord the King further ſaith, That the ſaid Mayor and Com-

monalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid aſſuming upon themſelves to be a Body Corporate and Politick, and by reaſon thereof to have power and authority to Call and Aſſemble themſelves together for the making good and wholeſome Laws, Orders and Ordinances not repugnant nor contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom of *England*, for the better rule and government of the City aforeſaid, and of the Citizens and Inhabitants of the ſaid City, and for the keeping of the Kings Peace within the ſaid City: The ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, under colour and pretence thereof reſpecting only their own private gain and profit, contrary to the confidence repoſed in a Body Corporate and Politick by our Lord the King, and the Laws of this Kingdom of *England*, have aſſumed an unlawful, and unjuſt Power and Authority to Levy Money of the Subjects, and Leige-people of our Lord the King that now is, to the proper uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, by colour of the Laws or Ordinances by them in fact ordained and eſtabliſhed, without any other Right, Title or Authority whatſoever: And in proſecution, and Execution of ſuch illegal and unjuſt Power and Au-

don *predict' aſſumentes ſuper ſe fore corpus corporat' & politicum ac racione inde poteſtatem & authoritatem habere ad ſeipſos inſimul convocand' & aſſembland' ad bona & ſalubria leges ordines & ordinac'ones legibus & ſtatutis hujus regni* Angl' *minime repugnan' ſive contrar' pro meliori regimine & gubernac'one Civit' predict' ac Civium & inhabitantium ejuſdem Civitat' ac pro conſervac'one pacis Dom. Regis infra Civit' predict' iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit'* London *predict' ſub colore & pretextu inde eorum privatum lucrum & commodum ſolum reſpicien' contra fiduciam in corpore corporato & politico per Dom. Regem & Leges hujus regni* Anglie *repoſit' aſſumpſer' illicitam & injuſtam poteſtatem & authoritat' ad denar' de ſubdit' ac ligeis Dom. Regis nunc levand' ad uſum ipſorum Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat.* London *predict' propr' colore legum ſive Ordinaco'n' per ipſos de facto ordinat. & ſtabilit' abſq; aliquo alio Jure Titulo ſive Authoritate quibuſcunq; ac in proſecuc'on' & execuc'on' hujuſmodi illegalis & injuſte poteſtat' & authoritat' per ipſos ſic uſurpat'*

iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat. London *predict' die* Jovis *decimo ſeptimo die* Septembris *Anno Regni dict' Dom. Regis nunc viceſimo ſexto in eorum Communi Concilio adtunc tent' in Camera* Guihald *Civit.* London *predict'* (*viz.*) *in Paroch' Sancti* Michaelis Baſſiſhaw, London, *inſimul Aſſemblat' fuer' condider' & publicaver' quandam Legem per ipſos de facto inactitat' pro levac'one ſeperalium denar' ſummar' de omnibus ſubdit' ac Ligeis Dom. Regis nunc tam liberis quam non liberis hominibus Civit' predict' & aliis extraneis ad publica Mercata infra Civitat' predict' tent' acceden' cum victual' & proviſionibus ſuis ibidem vendend'* (*viz.*) *de qualibet perſona pro quolibet onere equino* Anglice *Horſe-load proviſion' in aliquod public' Mercat' infra Civit' predict' per ipſum importat' ibidem vendend' duorum denar' per diem & pro qualibet caniſtra* Anglice *Doſſer proviſion' in aliquod Mercat' predict' ibidem vendend' importat' unius denar' per diem & pro qualibet Carectata proviſion' tract' cum non plur' quam tribus equis in aliquod Mercat' predict' ibidem vendend' importat' quatuor denar' per diem & pro qualibet Carectata proviſion' tract' cum quatuor equis vel plur' in aliquod Mercat' predict' ibidem vendend' im-*

thority by them ſo uſurped, They the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, on *Thurſday* the Seventeenth day of *September*, in the Six and Twentieth Year of the Reign of our ſaid Lord the King that now is, in their Common-Council then held in the Chamber of the *Guild-hall* of the City of *London* aforeſaid, to wit, in the Pariſh of St. *Michael Baſsiſhaw*, *London*, being Aſſembled together, did make, and publiſh a certain Law, by them in fact Enacted, for the Levying ſeveral Sums of Money of all his Majeſties Subjects and Leige-People, as well Free as not Free-men of the ſaid City, and other Forreigners, at the publick Markets held within the City aforeſaid, coming thither to ſell their Victuals, and Proviſions (to wit) of every perſon for every Horſe-load of Proviſions, by him brought into any publick Market of the ſaid City, there to be ſold, Two Pence by the day, and for every Doſſer of Proviſion brought into any Market aforeſaid, there to be ſold, One Penny by the day, and for every Cart-load of Proviſions drawn with no more then three Horſes, brought into any Market aforeſaid, there to be ſold, Four Pence by the day, and for every Cart-Load of Proviſions drawn with Four Horſes or more, brought into any Market aforeſaid, there to be ſold,

Six-pence by the day, and of divers other Sums of Money of whatſoever perſons ſhould bring any Victuals or Proviſions to the Markets within the City of *London* aforeſaid, or ſome of them, or any thing there to be ſold, and by the ſame Law ſo by them illegally made, the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, in fact have Ordained, That the ſaid ſeveral Sums of money ſhould be paid to the proper uſe and behoof of them the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid: And that if any perſon being in the Markets aforeſaid with Victuals or Proviſions there to be ſold, ſhould refuſe or defer to pay the reſpective Rates aforeſaid, that then ſuch perſon ſo refuſing or deferring, ſhould be removed from his place in the ſaid Market. And the ſaid Attorney-General of our ſaid Lord the King that now is further ſaith, That the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, under the ſole Colour and pretence of the Law aforeſaid ſo by them for their private gain and profit illegally made, and without any other Right, Title or Authority whatſoever, divers great Sums of money in the whole amounting to 5000 l. yearly by the ſpace of Seven Years after the ſaid Seventeenth day of *September* in the Six and twentieth year aforeſaid next

portat' ſex denar' per diem ac diverſarum al' denar' ſum' de quibuſlibet perſonis que aliqua victualia ſive proviſion' da Mercat' infra Civit' London *predict' ſeu eorum aliqua vel aliquod importarent ibidem vendend' ac per eandem legem ſic per eos illegalit' fact' iidem Major & Communit' ac Cives Civit'* London *predict' de facto ordinaver' quod eedem ſeperal' denar' ſumme ſolut' forent ad propr' opus & uſum prefat' Majoris & Communitat. ac Civium Civit.* London *predict' ac quod ſi aliquis in Mercat' predict' exiſten' cum victual' ſive proviſionibus ſuis ibidem vendend' recuſaret ſive differret ſolvere reſpectivas ratas predict' tunc talis recuſans ſive differens amot' foret a loco ſuo in Mercat. predict. Et ulterius idem Attorn. dict' Dom. Regis nunc General' pro eodem Dom. Rege nunc dic' quod predict' Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit.* London *predict. ſub ſolo colore & pretextu legis predict' ſic per ipſos pro eorum privato lucro & commodo illegalit' fact. & abſq; aliquo alio jure Titulo ſive Authoritate quibuſcunq; diverſas ingentes denar. Summas in toto ſe attingen. ad quinque mille libras per annum per ſpacium ſeptem annorum poſt predcit. decimum ſeptimum diem* September *Anno vicesimo ſexto ſupradicto prox. ſequen-*

& amplius apud London *predict. in Paroch. predict. de omnibus Dom. Regis ligeis & ſubditis ad publica Mercata per totum tempus predict. infra Civit. predict. tent. cum victualibus & proviſionibus ibidem vendend. accedentibus erexer. levaver. & exigi & levari fecerunt & denarios illos ad eorum proprios uſus converterunt & diſpoſuerunt in ſubverſionem boni regiminis et gubernac'onis Civitatis predict' et in magnam oppreſsionem et depauperac'on. ſubditor. dict. Dom. Regis nunc ad Mercat. predict' cum victualibus et proviſion. ſuis acceden. et venien. ad grave dampn. et nocument. omnium Ligeorum et Subdit. dict Dom. Regis in Augmentac. preciorum omnium victual. et proviſion. in Mercatis predict. vendit. ac in dict. Dom. Regis nunc et Corone ſue Regie exheredac'on. manifeſtam ac contra fiduciam in Corpore Corporat. et Politico per Dom. Regem ac Leges hujus Regni* Angl. *reposit' Et ulterus idem Attorn. dicti Dom. Regis nunc General' pro eodem Domino Rege nunc dic' quod ubi Seſsio Parliamenti Dom. Regis nunc per Prorogac'on. tent' fuit apud* Weſtm. *in Com.* Middleſex. *ſuper viceſimum primum diem* Octobris *Anno Regni dicti Dom. Regis nunc triceſimo ſe-*

enſuing, and more at *London* aforeſaid in the Pariſh aforeſaid of all the Liege-People and Subjects of our Lord the King, coming to the Publick Markets held for all the before-mentioned time within the ſaid City, with Proviſions and Victuals there to be ſold, have exacted, levied, and cauſed to be exacted and levied, and the ſame Money they have converted and diſpoſed of to their own uſe, In ſubverſion of the good Rule and Government of the ſaid City, and to the great oppreſſion and impoveriſhing of the Subjects of our ſaid Lord the King coming to the ſaid Markets with their Victuals & Proviſions, And to the great dammage and hurt of all the Liege-People and Subjects of our ſaid Lord the King, to the encreaſing and raiſing of the Prices of all Victuals and Proviſions ſold in the Markets aforeſaid: And to the manifeſt diſheriting of our ſaid Lord the King that now is; And contrary to the Confidence repoſed in a Body Corporate and Politick by our Lord the King and the Laws of this Realm of *England*: And the ſaid Attorney-General of our ſaid Lord the King that now is; for our ſaid Lord the King further ſaith, That whereas a Seſſion of Parliament of our Lord the King that now is, was held at *Weſtminſter* in the County of *Middleſex* by Prorogation upon the One and twentieth day of *October*, in the Two and Thirtieth

Year of his ſaid now Majeſties Reign, And there continued untill the 10*th* day of *January* then next enſuing, and upon the ſame tenth day of *January*, in the two and thirtieth Year of his ſaid Majeſties Reign, at *Weſtminſter* aforeſaid, the ſame Parliament was Prorogued by our Lord the King that now is, until the 20*th* day of the then Inſtant of *January*, The ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid afterwards, to wit, On *Thurſday* the Thirteenth day of *January*, in the two and thirtieth Year of his ſaid now Majeſties Reign, in their Common Council held in their Council Chamber at *Guild-hall* of the City aforeſaid, to wit, in the Pariſh of St. *Michael Baſſiſhaw*, *London* aforeſaid, being Aſſembled, did unlawfully, maliciouſly, adviſedly and ſedicioufly, and without any Legal Authority aſſume upon themſelves to cenſure and judge our ſaid Lord the King that now is, and the Prorogation of the Parliament ſo made by our ſaid Lord the King that now is ; And then and there they the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, ſo Aſſembled in their Common Council, did then Vote and Ordain, That a certain Petition under the Name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of *London* in the Common Council Aſſembled, ſhould be exhibited to our

cundo ac ibidem continuat' uſq; decimum diem Januar' *tunc prox' ſequen' ac ſuper eodem decimo die* Januarii *anno regni dict' Dom. Regis nunc triceſimo ſecundo ſupradict' apud* Weſtminſt. *predicti idem Parliamentum Prorogat' fuit per dict' Dom. Regem nunc uſq; viceſimum diem tunc Inſtantis* Januar. *predict' Major et Communitas ac Cives Civitat'* London *predict' poſtea ſcil' die* Jovis *decimo tertio die* Januar' *Anno Regni dict' Dom. Regis nunc triceſimo ſecundo ſupradict' in eorum Communi Concilio tent' in Camera* Guihald *Civit' predict' viz. in Paroch' Sancti* Michaelis Baſſiſhaw London *predict. Aſſemblat' illicite malitioſe adviſate et ſeditioſe et abſq; aliqua legali authoritate in ſe aſſumpſer' ad cenſend' et judicand' dict' Dom. Regem nunc et Prorogac'on' Parliamenti per dict' Dom. Regem nunc ſic fact' Ac adtunc et ibidem iidem Major et Communitas ab Cives Civitat.* London *ſic in eodem Communi Concilio Aſſemblat' vota et ſuffragia ſua deder' et ordinaver' quod quedam Petitio ſub nomine Majoris Aldermannum et Commun' Civit'* London *in Communi Concil. Aſſemblat' dicto Dom.*

Regi

Regi nunc exhibit' foret in qua quidem Peticone content. fuit quod per predict' Prorogacon' Parliamenti predict' profecuco' Juſtic' publice hujus regni ac preparaco' Anglice *the making proviſion neceſſar. preſervacon. dicti Dom. Regis nunc ac ejus ſubditorum proteſtantium recepiſſent obſtrucon'* Anglice *Interrupcon' et iidem Major et Communitas ac Cives Civitat.* London *predict' in Communi Concilio predict' ſic ut prefertur Aſſemblat' illicite malitioſe adviſate & ſeditioſe & ea intencone quod eadem Petitio publicat' & diſperſa foret inter ſubditos dict' Dom. Regis nunc fideles ad ipſos in opinion' inducend' quod idem Dominus Rex nunc per Prorogacon' Parliamenti predict' publicam Juſtic' regni obſtruxiſſet & ad eoſdem Subditos dict' Dom. Regis incitand' in odium perſone dict' Dom. Regis & gubernacon. in hoc regno ſtabilit' & ad perturband' pacem & tranquillitat' in hoc Regno* Anglie *adtunc & ibidem ordinaver' quod eadem Petitio ſic continen' ſeditioſam & ſcandaloſam materiam predict' impreſs' foret ac poſtea ſcil' die & Anno ult. ſupradict' apud* London *pre-*

ſaid Lord the King that now is, in which Petition there was contained, That by the ſaid Prorogation of the Parliament aforeſaid, the proſecution of the publick Juſtice of this Kingdom, and the making proviſion neceſſary for the preſervation of our ſaid Lord the King that now is, and of his Proteſtant Subjects, received interruption, and the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, in the Common Council aforeſaid, ſo as aforeſaid Aſſembled, unlawfully, maliciouſly, adviſedly, and ſeditiouſly, and to the intent that the ſame Petition might be publiſhed and diſperſed abroad amongſt his now Majeſties faithful Subjects, to induce them into the opinion, That our ſaid Lord the King that now is, by Prorogation of the Parliament aforeſaid had obſtructed the publick Juſtice of the Kingdom, and to incite the ſame Subjects of our ſaid Lord the King that now is, to the hatred of the Perſon of our ſaid Lord the King, and of his Government Eſtabliſh'd in this Kingdom, and to diſturb the Peace and Tranquility of this Kingdom of *England*; they then and there did Ordain, That the ſame Petition containing the ſeditious and ſcandalous matter aforeſaid ſhould be Imprinted: And afterwards, to wit, The day and year laſt aforeſaid at

London aforeſaid, in the Pariſh aforeſaid, the ſame Petition to the intent that the ſame might be publiſhed and diſperſed amongſt the Subjects of our ſaid Lord the King that now is, to alienate and divert their affections from our ſaid Lord the King that now is, and from his Government, they malitiouſly, adviſedly and ſeditiouſly did Print, and cauſe to be Imprinted and Publiſhed to the contempt and ſcandal of our ſaid Lord the King that now is, and of his Government of this Kingdom of *England*, and to the promoting and raiſing of Sedition, and diſturbance of the Peace and Tranquility within this Kingdom of *England*, and to the pernicious example of others his Majeſties Subjects and Leige-people; by which the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid have forfeited the Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchiſes aforeſaid, to be of themſelves a Body Corporate and Politick, by the Name of Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*: Yet the aforeſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, afterwards (to wit) by all the time in the Information aforeſaid ſpecified, have uſurped upon our Lord the King, and yet do uſurp thoſe Liberties, Priviledges and Franchiſes,

dict' in Paroch' predict' eandem Peticon. ea intencone quod eadem publicat' & diſpers' foret inter ſubdit' dict. Dom. Regis nunc ad affectiones ſuas a dict' Dom. Rege nunc & gubernacon' ſua alienand' & divertend' malitioſe adviſate & ſeditioſe impreſſer' & imprimi & publicari fecer' & cauſaver' in contempt' & ſcandalum dict' Dom. Regis nunc ac gubernacon' ſue hujus Regni Anglie *ac in promocon. & excitacon. ſeditionis & perturbacon. pacis & tranquilitat' infra hoc regnum* Anglie *& in pernitioſum aliorum dict' Dom. Regis nunc Subdit' & Ligeorum exemplum per quod idem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat'* London *predict' Libertat. Privileg. & Franchiſ. predict' fore de ſeipſis Corpus Corporat' & Politicum per nomen Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat'* London, *forisfecer' predict' tamen Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat'* London *predict' poſtea ſcil' per tempus ſuperius in Informacone predict' ſpecificat' Libertat. Privileg. & Franchiſ. ill' ſuper dict' Dom. Regem nunc uſurpaver' & adhuc uſurpant*

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prout per Informacon. predict' ſuperius verſus eos ſupponitur. Et hoc idem Attorn' dict' Dom. Regis nunc General' pro eodem Domino Rege nunc parat' eſt verificare unde petit' judicium & quod predict' Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat' London *de premiſſ, predict' Convincantur ac de Libertat. Privileg. & Franchef. ill' abdicantur & excludantur &c. Et quoad placitum prefat' Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat'* London *predict' quoad Libertat. Privileg. & Franchef. predict. per ipſos ſuperius clamat' (viz.) ipſos habere Vice-comit' Civit. & Com. Civit.* London *& Vice-comit' Com.* Midd. *& nominare & eligere ex ſeipſis duas perſonas fore Vicecomit' Civit. predict. & Com. ejuſdem Civit. & Vicecomit. Com.* Midd. *Ac illos ſic nominat. & elect. preficere & conſtituere Vic' Civit. predict. & Com. ejuſdem Civit. & Vic' Com.* Midd. *Ac ut Vicecomit' Civitat' predict' & Com. ejuſdem Civitat. ad execucon. et retorn' omnium Brevium Billarum et precept' Dom. Regis pro adminiſtracon. et execucon. Ju-*

ſo as by the Information aforeſaid againſt them is ſuppoſed: And this the ſaid Attorney General of our ſaid Lord the King that now is, for our ſaid Lord the King is ready to aver, wherefore he prays Judgment, and that the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* may be convicted of the premiſſes aforeſaid, and be excluded from, and forejudged their Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchiſes, &c. And as to the Plea of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid: As to the Liberties, Priviledges and Franchiſes aforeſaid by them before claimed (to wit) That they have Sheriffs of the City, and County of the City of *London*, and a Sheriff of the County of *Middleſex*, and that they Nominate and Chuſe out of themſelves two perſons to be Sheriffs of the City aforeſaid, and County of the ſaid City and Sheriff of the County of *Middleſex*; And to make and conſtitute thoſe perſons ſo Nominated and Elected Sheriffs of the City aforeſaid, and of the County of the ſaid City, and Sheriff of the County of *Middleſex*: And as Sheriffs of the City aforeſaid, and County of the ſaid City, to Execute and Return all the Writs, Bills and Precepts of our Lord the King, for the Adminiſtration and Execution of Juſtice within

the ſaid City, and the County of the ſaid City, to be executed and done, which do appertain to the Office of a Sheriff to be done: And to do and execute all and ſingular other things within the ſaid City and County of the ſaid City, which appertain to the Office of a Sheriff to be done: And as Sheriff of the County of *Middleſex* to ſerve for the ſame County; And to Execute and make Retorns of all the Writs, Bills and Prccepts of our Lord the King, within the County of *Middleſex*, for the Adminiſtration and Execution of Juſtice there to be executed and returned, appertaining to the Office of a Sheriff to be done before pleaded. And alſo as to the Plea of the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, as to the Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchiſes by them before claimed (to wit) The Mayor of the ſaid City, and ſuch Aldermen of the ſame City who had born the Office of Mayor of that City, and from thence were diſmiſſed: And Three Senior Aldermen of the ſaid City, who had ſtood longer in the Office of an Alderman, and had never born the Burthen and Office of Mayor of the ſaid City, ſhould be Juſtices of our Lord the King to keep the Peace within the City; And at the Seſſions of the Peace and Pleas of the Crown (to wit) ſuch Pleas of

ſticie infra Civit predict. et Com. ejuſdem Civit. exequend. faciend. que ad Officium Vic' faciend. pertinent' ac ad faciend. et exequend. omnia et ſingula. alia infra Civit' predict' & Com' ejuſdem Civit' que ad officium Vicecom. faciend' pertinent ac ut Vicecom. Com. Middleſex *pro eodem Com. deſervitur. ac omnia Brevia Billas & precept' Dom. Regis infra Com.* Middleſex *pro adminiſtracone & execucone Juſticie ibidem et exequend' & retorn' inde faciend' que ad Officium Vic' faciend' pertinent. ſuperius placitat: Necnon quoad placitum prefat' Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civitat'* London *predict' quoad Libertat' Privileg' & Franches' per ipſos ſuperius clamat' (Viz.) Major dict' Civitat' & hujuſmodi Alderman' ejuſdem Civitat' qui Officium Majorat' Civit' illius ſuſtinuer' ac inde fuer' dimiſſi ac tres Alderman' ſen' Civit' predict' qui diutius in Officio Alderman' Civit' predict' ſteter' & onus & Officium Majorat' Civit' non ſuſtinuer' fore Juſticiar' Dom. Regis ad pacem infra Civit' predict' conſervandum ac ad Seſſion. pacis & placita Corone (Scilicet) talia placita Corone qual' Juſticiar' Dom.*

Regis

Regis ad pacem conſervand' aſsign' ligittime tenere poſſent infra eandem Civitat' tenend' ac ad omnia Felon' Riot' Rout' & Conventicul' illicit' infra Civitat' predict' inquirend' audiend' & terminand' ſuperius placitat' idem Attorn' Dom. Regis nunc General' qui &c. pet' licenc' inde interloquend' coram Dom. Rege uſque a die Sancti Michaelis *in tres ſeptimanas ubicunq; &c. Et ei conceditur' idem dies dat' eſt prefat' Major Communitat' ac Civibus Civit'* London *predict' &c.*

the Crown as the Juſtices of our Lord the King aſſigned to keep the Peace, might Lawfully hold within the ſaid City to be held, And to enquire, hear, and determine of all Felonies, Riots, Routs, and unlawful Conventicles within the ſaid City before pleaded : The ſaid Attorney General of our Lord the King, who &c. prays Licenſe to Imparle before our Lord the King until from the day of St. *Michael* in Three weeks whereſoever, &c. and it is granted unto him. The ſame day is given to the ſaid Major, Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforeſaid, &c.

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